

Dear Jim,                      faulty wiretap or coincidence?

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Shortly after we spoke today I picked up the phone to make a call and had no dial tone. I tried repeatedly and still got none. Then I called to -11 and asked her to check her phone to be sure it was cradled properly. She returned to the livingroom where I was sitting and said she got a weak hum. I picked my phone up again, got silence, and said to her, "I've still got nothing." Almost immediately, beginning with a sharp noise something like a click I got a dial tone. And made the call.

Of course things can go awry with any phone system but nothing like this has happened here for years.

We'd been talking, you may remember, about the possibility~~is~~ that all the commemorations of the 25th anniversary of the JFK assassination might attract considerable interest and, depending on what got how much attention, lead to demands for a real investigation.

People who have wide experience in tapping phones have interest in any such development and I think they'd assume that those working on such projects would be in touch with me. *And you.*

Our phone service is through an automated switchboard that is not attended.

In fact, the phone company no longer has any office here. They used to have several, including a business office for the area and a repair service. All of this is now through Hagerstown, about 25 miles away.

*Harold*